(b) and (c) The Delhi Administration has lifted the ban on manufacture of khoya w.e.f. 22.8.91.

Sale of Dhara Oil

779. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1991 and state:

(a) the quantities of Dhara oil sold so far, city-wise, since inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that maximum sales have taken place in oil-rich States; and

(c) what is the quantity of imported and indigenous vegetable oils released to various State Cooperative Milk Federations since inception of CLUSA|CIDA projects and reasons for imbalances, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The quantity of Dhara sold in various markets since August, 1988 is given in the Statement-I.

(b) While deciding on the marketing strategy of Dhara, it was necessary to consider entering those markets which are largest in terms of consumption of the most sensitive oil i.e. groundnut oil as the price fluctuations in the oil sector are largely caused by the instability in these markets. It is for this reason that the major markets of Maharashtra and Gujarat have been covered for marketing of groundnut oil. For mustard oil, however, the major markets are Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Statewise sale of donated oil is indicated in the Statement-II. The oil is sold through State Level Cooperative Oilseeds Growers Federations and not through the State Cooperative Milk Federations. Differences in the quantities of oils sold to different Federations are due to a number of reasons. Different States Federations were registered at different points of time and hence the oil received at the initial stages of the project was sold through Federations existing at that time. The size of the project being implemented in a particular State is another factor for deciding the quantity of oil to be supplied to the State Federation to help it to generate surpluses in the initial years of operation. The readiness of the marketing infrastructure of a State Federation is also a determining factor for allocating oil to be sold by that Federation.

Statement I

Sale of Dhara in Various Markets Since August, 1988

(All Figures in Metric Tonnes)

Financial Year	Gujarat		Maharashtra		Delhi & UP		UP Calcutta		Total
	GNO	MO	GNO	MO	GNO	Country RRO/ MO	RRO/ MO	MO	
1988-89	..	..	..	..	..	1187	..	..	1187
1989-90	5129	..	8666	..	456	5425	511	..	19887
1990-91	21685	3543	23319	3252	1563	15645	2962	1651	73620
1991-92 (Upto July)	8915	1670	8882	1432	173	6555	1710	1185	30522
TOTAL	35729	5213	40867	4684	1892	28812	5183	2836	125219

GNO— Groundnut Oil
MO— Mustard Oil
RRO— Refined Rapseed Oil. Its Marketing has been discontinued since July, 1990.
Upcountry includes the States of J&K, H.P., Haryana, Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Statement-II

Statewise sale of donated vegetable oil as on May, 1991

(Quantity, MT)

State	Clusa (Soya oil)	CIDA (Rapeseed Oil)	Total
Gujarat	60,099	74,151	1,34,250
Madhya Pradesh	28,391	13,151	41,542
Tamil Nadu	11,812	11,664	23,476
Orissa	10,160	14,481	24,641
Andhra Pradesh	11,024	10,098	21,122
Maharashtra	10,371	15,906	26,277
Karnataka	10,274	9,244	19,518
Total	1,42,131	1,48,695	2,90,826

Export of Sugar

780. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Economic Times of the 13th August, 1991 to the effect that India is to export 1.5 lakh MT sugar by March next year; and

(b) whether the cane juice|mollases would be used to produce value added alcohol for use as car fuel and prevent anti-pollution, better returns to farmers and savings in foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, it may be clarified that Government has decided to allow in all export of 5.61 lakh tonnes of sugar out of 1990-91 season's production.

(b) At present there is no such proposal to use alcohol as car fuel.

Removal of Ceiling on Bonus

781. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove the ceilings in Payment of Bonus Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bonded Labour in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar

782. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bonded labour identified in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years; and

(b) the specific steps taken by both the Central and respective State Governments for their rehabilitation?